

CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 1971 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mr. Rundle (Chairman), Messrs. Kettle, Long, Lyons, McMaster Schulz together with Mr. Maybury Secretary.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Mr. Lugg and Mr. Farrar.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

REPORTS:

Publications - The sub committee on publications reported that they should be in a position to proceed with publications of the Co-operative Digest very shortly.

Investigations into a wider co-operative newspaper is still being carried on.

Membership - Since the last meeting contact has been made with the Artificial Breeding Association and the Dairy Factories Association both of whom had agreed to give further consideration to membership.

CO-OPERATIVE  
FEDERATION  
OF AUSTRALIA:

Representatives - It was resolved to appoint Mr. J. Mason and R. Maybury as State Representatives on the Australian Council.

Constitution - The sub committee of Messrs. Mason, Rundle and Kettle was appointed to review the proposed constitutional amendments of the Australian Federation.

CO-OPERATIVE  
SYMBOL:

Some discussion took place on a suitable symbol for general use in co-operatives and it was agreed that this would be difficult to achieve, but it was decided to suggest to the Co-operative Federation of Australia that consideration be given to emphasizing the co-operative nature of organisations by adding the words "co-operative organisation" to all relevant publicity given by individual societies.

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MEETING:

It was resolved that accommodation be booked at the Palm Lake Motel for delegates to the Advisory Committee meeting for the International Co-operative Alliance to be held in November, 1971. It was agreed to write to the Co-operative Advisory Committee seeking their support for an invitation to the Premier to open this function.

PUBLICATIONS  
RECEIVED:

Some discussion took place on the use of publications being received and it was agreed that those of a regular nature should be filed and made available at Council Meetings for perusal.

Other publications of a more permanent nature to be kept by the Secretary but brought to the notice of Councillors from time to time.

BACKGROUND  
INFORMATION:

Some information was received from individual societies concerning their size and operations and it was agreed to obtain further information with the object of being able to provide overall information on these bodies represented on the Council.

INDONESIAN  
TRAINEE:

Advice was received that the Department of Foreign Affairs had indicated that they were willing to grant a study fellowship to Mr. Surkanegara to study co-operatives in Australia under certain conditions.

It was agreed to forward the report of Mr. A. Harris of Community Aid Abroad before taking any further action in this matter.

ACCOUNTS:

It was resolved to confirm payment of the following accounts:-

Hugh Fisher - Photographs                    \$24.52  
Co-operative Federation of Australia -  
    Subscriptions                    300.00  
Y.C.W. Co-operative Society - Insurance Premiums    \$46.75

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#### CORRESPONDENCE:

It was resolved that the inward correspondence be received and the outward correspondence endorsed.

The following action was decided in relation to the correspondence

- a) A copy of the letter concerning co-operative experts for Asia to be attached to the minutes.
- b) Selected co-operatives be asked to supply information on production and processing.
- c) A letter of thanks to be sent to the Queensland Federation for the invitation to their annual convention.

#### NEXT MEETING:

It was decided that the next meeting be held at 7.30 p.m. on the 1st March, 1971 and that the agenda should include a discussion of the projects to be undertaken by this Federation in the 1971/72.

*John Mason*  
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